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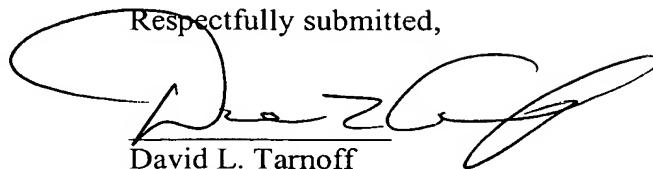
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Swiss Patent Publication No. 226386 appears to disclose a transmission device in which the sprockets are shifted in an axial direction as seen in Figures 1 and 2.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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